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IN THE UNITED STATES THENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Forms PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed documents are noted: (1) in the specification, in which case their relevance can be determined from the discussion in the specification; or in search reports issued in counterpart applications, namely, (2) the Norwegian Search Report or (3) the International Search Report, in which

case their relevance can be determined from either search report. A copy of each search report is enclosed.

We also have listed, on the PTO Form 1449, PCT/NO99/00141 (WO 99/58564), which is the International Application that is related to copending U.S. Appln. No. 09/674,913 filed as a National Stage Application on November 8, 2000. A copy of the PCT/NO99/00141 (WO 99/58564) document is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the entry into the national stage by International Appln. No. PCT/NO99/00143, neither a certification, petition, nor payment of a fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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